

SAMPLE LETTER

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RE: Support for AB 2514-Proper Handling of Human Remains

Dear Assemblymember Eng:

On behalf of _____, I am writing in support of AB 2514, which provides state and private projects with clear and uniform procedures for the proper handling and preservation of all historical human remains.

Currently, in the discovery of human remains in any location other than a dedicated cemetery, the site is required to be protected from further disturbance until the county coroner determines whether the remains are a result of a recent murder. However, if the coroner determines that the remains are not the result of a recent murder and are instead are those of Native American descent, he or she is required to contact the Native American Heritage Commission within 24 hours.

AB 2514 seeks to establish similar protocols for all human remains. Specifically, it requires the coroner to notify, within 24 hours, the State Office of Historic Preservation (SOHP). Next, SOHP will be required to notify registered cultural and historical organizations. In doing so, this measure will ensure that excavated archaeological human remains are treated equally and with the dignity they deserve.

We are pleased to support AB 2514 because it will ensure that ALL excavated human remains are treated with respect, integrity and in a timely matter.

Sincerely,

Signature

Name and Title

Organization

Address

Telephone Number / email address